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In re application of

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Application No. NEW NATIONAL PHASE Group

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THERMO-OPTIC PHASE SHIFTER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 14 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.